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**BY EMAIL ONLY**

The Honorable Jed S. Rakoff  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
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**RE: *United States v. Jatiek Smith, 22 Cr. 352 (JSR)***

Dear Judge Rakoff:

I am writing on behalf of Jatiek Smith and with Your Honor's permission to submit a letter.

Andrew G. Patel, Esq., and I met with Mr. Smith this morning. Mr. Smith has written to Your Honor, and the letter is attached. Mr. Smith has decided to withdraw his request to proceed *pro se* and would like to continue with me and Mr. Patel as his counsel. Mr. Smith has consented to have his trial start on August 14, 2023. Accordingly, I respectfully request that Your Honor appoint Mr. Patel as co-counsel for Mr. Smith *nunc pro tunc* to April 21, 2023. I also ask that Mr. Patel be permitted to participate in the telephone conference scheduled for tomorrow, May 1 at 5:15 PM.

At last week's conference, Your Honor asked Mr. Smith to prepare a laundry list of his concerns. Mr. Smith provided us with a list, and I respectfully request that I be permitted to email the list to Your Honor's chambers and the Government prior to tomorrow's conference. Finally, I respectfully request that this letter and the attachment be docketed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill R. Shellow

Copies to:

AUSA Mollie Bracewell and AUSA Rushmi Bhaskaran  
AUSA Elizabeth Espinosa and AUSA Adam Hobson  
Andrew G. Patel, Esq.  
Jatiek Smith (by legal mail)

Your Honor

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I would first like to apologize not for losing my Patience, but for allowing these circumstances to waiver my faith. For that I am ashamed.

My wife has made it Clear that she is not okay with me proceeding Pro Se Among other family members. I am not Pretending to be mighty, this Place deteriorates my mental health more and more. But my family is watching so I need to stand Strong. I have promised my family that at no time will I attempt to go Pro Se from here on out.

For the last 6 years I have said the Lord's Prayer every waking day. When I ask for forgiveness I know I must extend it. So I am required to start new. From this point I will start new with the appointed attorneys. And I accept your honors Sincere and gracious concern as sound advice. God willing nothing prevents the August 15<sup>th</sup> trial date from going forward. Thank you for your Patience.

Respectfully

Jatiek Smith

